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FIRE RATED DRYWALL ASSEMBLY CONSTRUCTION

Due to the inability of the building department inspection staff to provide continuous inspections for the proper installation of fire rated drywall assemblies, also known as fire rated shaftliner, during the construction process and the absence of proper supervision by permit holders to monitor such installation, **effective May 1st 2024**, all fire rated drywall assembly installations shall have continuous inspections performed by a special inspector who is licensed in the Commonwealth of Virginia as an engineer or architect. A signed and stamped report, with the job permit number provided verifying the installation in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions, shall be provided to the building department by the framing inspection of the job by such inspector. Regarding this policy, continuous inspections is the physical onsite inspection performed by the special inspector of all components relating to the fire rated assembly from foundation to or through the roof system during the installation process.